Monday, March 3, 2025

HKIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance

In-Person:

Joyce Waterbury, PTO President	Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President	Kristy Hebert, PTO Treasurer
Eric Larson, IS Principal	Dorothy Ventura, MS Principal	Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary
Cait Zinser	Kelly Drajewicz	Alison Broder

Remote:

Heather Persson, MS VP		

Previous Business

- Motion to approve minutes made by Kelly D., seconded by Kristy H., no objections
- Little Caesar's sold 42 kits; $263 in profit
- Kristy asked Jen B. To send Welcome Wagon package to new student
- Updates about Mud Run: Julie and Nicole have been meeting regularly with HKYFS; event will be held on Sunday, June 1; currently planning out the obstacles and division of duties; will need MANY volunteers to help with this event

President's Report & Vice President's Report (Julie P.)

- Looking to fill open board positions for fall; people can reach out to HKIMSPTO@gmail.com if interested

Treasurer's Report (Kristy H.)

- Bingo event cost $798.40; received $300 in donations, which covered the cost of the pizza; Thank you to all those who donated!
- Received check from PayPal Giving; Kristy will set up direct deposit for any future contributions

MS Principal's Report (Dorothy V. & Heather P.)

- Had so much fun at Bingo; amazed by the turnout
- Budget season
- Excited to host CMEAs (band regionals) this Friday
- Self-selection process for accelerated math; empowers parents and students to make their own choice
- Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up
- Volleyball club; signup before Mar 10; Mar 17 spring sports signup deadline (Baseball, softball, track)
- SpongeBob Musical Mar 28 and 29; professional SpongeBob actor talked to the cast
- Hosting Unified Sports Tournament tomorrow; please come out to support the kids

IS Principal's Report (Eric L.)

- Thank you to MS colleagues for lending jazz band and honors choir; performed during town hall and served as a recruitment tool
- Will start featuring different things in Town Hall meetings; next up is LEAP and Makerspace projects
- Kindness Club has been very busy; MS students lining up to accept compliments from club members
- Thank you to PTO for helping with hot chocolate volunteers

- Read Across America starts now; Trivia Tuesdays; thank you to PTO for financial support
- Looking forward to SpongeBob musical
- Looking for new Spanish teacher; applicant taught a test class; technology failed; hard position to fill

Committees

Spirit Wear, Veteran's Day, Bus Driver Appreciation

- Nothing to report

Book Fair (Nicole H.)

- May 19-22 to overlap with AAFA night on 5/22

Cultural Arts (Cait Z.)

- Eric is connecting with Hoopla to plan potential scenarios for field day
- When do we plan for next year? Now!
- Dorothy would like the Mt. Everest presenter to come back
- Scott Driscol, cyber safety, requested for fall
- Engage with National Junior Honor Society to gauge student interest
- Programs are very expensive; might be able to get savings by partnering with other district schools; Dorothy might be able to contribute funds if they can participate

Cup Committee (Kelly D.)

- Plans postponed due to weather and illness
- Kids might come up with ideas for messages

Fundraising

- Need to start planning major fundraiser for next fall
- Looks like we will meet our goal by the end of the year between color run, book fairs, run amuck, pizza kits, and donation/company matches

PTO Leadership

- So far all meetings this year have been canceled

Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Alison Broder)

- May 6 Ice Cream Emergency from 10:45-12:45; lactose-free and gluten-free options available
- Needs check for $895 for that date (priced by headcount); All tax paperwork is in order
- Pies for 3/14 in-service day; can accommodate but needs to know how many people we anticipate serving? Will email headcount by end of week
- PTO has plates, napkins, and forks for serving
- For teacher appreciation week will ask parents to donate snack items

Welcome Wagon (Joyce for Jen B.)

- New student starting this week at the middle school; Dorothy please email Jen

Yearbook (Nicole H.)

- Time to start thinking about custom pages; have about 2 months to complete them (Due Apr 30)
- Eric would like to send out yearbook info

New Business

- Next meeting is Monday, **April 7** at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm by Joyce W.